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TO GEN HAIG

FROM HENRY KISSINGER

TO BE DELIVERED OPENING OF BUSINESS

QV WILL ADJUST ARRIVAL TIME AS REQUESTED. IF THE REASON FOR DELAY IS CHIREP VOTE PLEASE CONSIDER IMPACT OF MY ARRIVAL FROM PEKING JUST AFTER WE HAVE BEEN DEFEATED. I CANNOT DELAY MY DEPARTURE FROM HERE AND WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO LAY OVER EITHER AT ANCHORAGE OR IN HAWAII. OUR DEPARTURE WILL BE REPORTED IN ANY EVENT AND THERE WILL BE SPECULATION ABOUT REASONS FOR DELAY IN ARRIVAL. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE NEVER BELIEVED THAT MY VISIT AFFECTS THE CHIREP VOTE. WHATEVER IMPACT IT HAS HAD IS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED, IT WILL NOT BE COMPOUNDED BY MY RETURN. IF THE ORDER STICKS, WE SHALL LAY OVER IN ANCHORAGE. IT INVOLVES A BRUTAL SCHEDULE FOR EVERYBODY WITH IN EFFECT TWO NIGHTS WITHOUT SLEEP. HAS THE PR IMPACT OF OUR LAYING OVER IN ANCHORAGE BEEN CONSIDERED? WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THIS.

But his original  
schedule is  
publicly known

Who can't  
get good night  
sleep in Anchorage  
- somewhere?

2. AS FMR SAUDI AMENDMENT, IT IS MY CONSIDERED OPINION  
THAT CHOU WILL CONSIDER IT INTOLERABLE AND DUPLICITOUS.  
AFTER EXTENSIVE EXPLANATION THAT DEFEAT OF OUR CHIREP RESOLUTION  
NOT EVEN IN PRC INTEREST, CHOU IS WILLING TO TOLERATE OUR PRESENT  
COURSE. ESPECIALLY TOWARDS PRESIDENT AND ROGERS. IF WE WIN  
PRESENT CHIREP RESOLUTION, WE CAN GET BY WITHOUT UNDUE STRAIN.  
CHOU HAS HOWEVER INSISTED AT EVERY SESSION THAT PRC WILL NEVER HOLD  
STILL FOR THE ELABORATION OF NEW LEGAL STATUS FOR TAIWAN. HE HAS  
CTITICIZED EVEN LBNIAN RESOLUTION FOR LEAVING THIS OPEN. AN  
OFFICIAL U.S. EXPLANATION REPEATING THE JUNE FIASCO THAT LEGAL  
STATUS OF TAIWAN IS UNDERTERMINED WOULD BE  
ALMOST AS BAD AN AFFRONT. TO DO SO SO SOON AFTER CHOU MADE THESE  
POINTS EXPLICITLY TO ME CAN HAVE ONLY ONE OBVIOUS CONSEQUENCE.  
U.S. SUPPORT FOR SAUDI RESOLUTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN IN  
FULL AWARENESS THAT IT UNDERCUTS ENTIRE BASIS OF PRESENT APPROACH  
TO PEKING. AND ALL OF THIS FOR AN AMENDMENT WHICH IN MY JUDGMENT  
HAS NO CHANCE WHATEVER OF BEING ACCEPTED. IF WE CANNOOT GET A  
MAJORITY FOR THE RELATIVELY SAFE I Q HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY GET  
ONE FOR THIS WHICH IS AN EVEN SHARPER VERSION OF DUAL REPRESENTATION.  
PLEASE MAKE THIS CLEAR TO THE PRESIDENT--IF NECESSARY, BY READING  
THIS PARAGRAPH TO HIM.

3. IN CASE ANYONE IS INTERESTED, THINGS ARE GOING STRENUOUSLY  
WELL. OUR HOSTS ARE TOUGH BUT STILL TREATING THE PRESIDENTS VISIT  
AS A SERIOUS EVENT.

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